

TOWN OF PARIS

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Open: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am – 5pm

January 2020 VOLUME 4

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **Planning Commission**
Meeting: January 20th, 2020
7:00 p.m.
- **Town Board Meeting:**
January 28th, 2020 7:00 p.m.
- **Planning Commission**
Meeting: February 17th, 2020
7:00 p.m.
- **Town Board Meeting:**
February 25th, 2020 7 p.m.
- **Planning Commission**
Meeting: March 16th, 2020
7:00 p.m.
- **Town Board Meeting: March**
24th, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Shredding Day

The Town of Paris will be hosting a day in spring 2020 to shred any documents you may have. We are wanting to know if residents would be interested in participating. Please let us know by calling 262-859-3006 or emailing townofparis@wi.net.

Informational Open House:

Thank you to everyone who attended our 1st Town Informational Open House held at the Paris School in October. We appreciate all of the groups and individuals that staffed tables and shared information with our residents. Thank you to all of the Town residents and a few of our community neighbors who attended! We hope you enjoyed a cookie or two, had a chance to visit with your friends and neighbors and were able to get information about town activities and maybe shared an opinion or two with Town officials.

We received very positive feedback from residents as well as from the presenters. We will plan on holding this style of event again in the future. Let us know if there are specific topics or groups you would like included. A special thanks to Diana Coughlin and Teesa Hanke for being our greeters and providing the cookies as well as helping with organization.

Do you Quilt?

The Quad-Quilter and the Knit-wits meet at the Paris Town Hall the second Saturday of every month from 9:30-3:00 to work on charity projects. Everyone is

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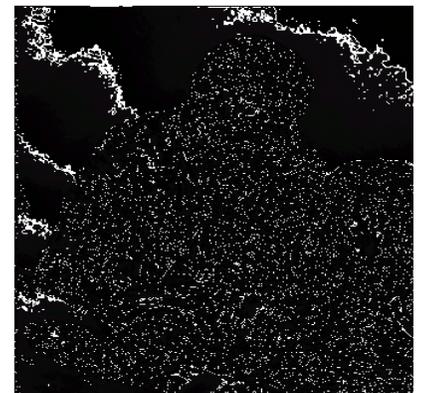
COME READ WITH ME

PROGRAM

FOR THE PAST 15 years, Paris School has been a weekly destination for grandparents and retired educators who seek to enrich the literacy of young students. Come Read With Me volunteers bring vital knowledge and experience to weekly, twenty-minute, one-to-one read-aloud sessions with K-3 learners, bridging the gap between generations.

The goal of the program is to boost Paris School readers by providing additional opportunities for literature discussion. When kids are prompted to imagine what comes next in a story or questioned about what was just read, comprehension and vocabulary acquisition soar!

Our Come Read With Me programming runs November-May each school year. Please contact Mrs. Margie Blair, Paris School Reading Specialist, at mblair@paris.k12.wi.us with questions or to volunteer.



The Fire Department is offering Blood Pressure screening: Come Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 to the town hall to get blood pressure screenings for free.

Fire and Rescue:

Our Fire and Rescue personnel had a busy month in December. This is a good time to think about emergency service and response:

1. Thank you to our responders for faithfully turning out for calls – regardless of time of day and weather!
2. Rescue calls can be stressful – for the patient, for family members and for the rescue personnel. It’s important to remember to allow the rescue staff to take control of the situation and not interfere with their response and actions. By allowing trained staff to take control and staying out of their way, we ensure that the patient will be stabilized and transported quickly and safely.
3. Access – for safe and effective rescue service, it is important that the squads and emergency responders have safe access to our properties – this includes keeping driveways, sidewalks and porches cleared of snow and ice during the winter and maintaining the driveway surface and keeping tree branches trimmed year around.
4. Billing – The Town budgets for and provides the equipment and personnel for emergency services to the Town. If your emergency involves medical transport or extensive treatment on scene, the Town does bill patients for some of the costs of actual service. If Paris Fire and Rescue responds to your home or property for a medical emergency call, the Town may submit a bill to your insurer to recover some of the costs of the call, including medical transport and supplies that are used during a call. (Currently \$450 for Town residents and \$550 for out of town) The cost of transport can be affected by the level of care required during transport. Some events may require that the Paris first responders will request a Paramedic Intercept which will be provided by another department that can provide a higher level of staffing. The Town contracts with Andres Medical Billing service to submit appropriate invoices to your insurer. It is your responsibility to provide the Town with accurate insurance information upon request. If you are covered by Medicare or Medicaid, the Town and its billing service are bound contractually to accept the assigned rate that Medicare determines. Medicare will reimburse the Town for 80% of the Medicare approved rate and Town may bill the patient or their Supplemental Insurance no more than the remaining 20% of that rate by law.

Whether it is for a burning permit, a fire code inspection, issuing a burning violation or providing an emergency response, the Fire and Rescue responders are following Town protocol, training and best practices.

Hopefully, very few of us will need to call on the Fire and Rescue Department in an emergency, but if we remember some of these items, things will go just a bit more smoothly.

Legacy Committee Updates:

Committee Chairman Roger Gahart recently updated the Town Board on feedback the committee received during the Informational Open House. The board shared feedback they had received as well as the variables being considered.

Some of the variables include:

- Determining the scope of the project.
- Identifying and securing financial partners for the project.
- Detailed financial modeling to make sure the project would not affect the ability of the Town to continue to offset a portion of the county levy for taxpayers. All feedback to the town board indicates that the tax offset is the most important priority for use of town funds.
- If the building of a community recreation center is supported and approved, which location would be the most advantageous – Town Hall property or School property?
- What level of town resources would be committed to the project?
- The Town Board is currently faced with a number of projects that will require funding. There is deferred maintenance on the town hall that needs to be addressed; several town roads that will need to be resurfaced over the next few years; a major rebuilding of the road ditch along 172nd Ave which will need to follow construction standards imposed by the DNR which has significantly added to the cost of the project; a project to update technology for the Fire and Rescue Department which will insure continued compliance with privacy regulations; a project to update technology for the Town Hall which will include an improved website and allow better sharing of information with residents and a project to make improved internet access available to town residents.
- How best to share information with residents so that when a referendum is scheduled, residents will have all the details they need to make an informed vote.

Legacy Chairman Gahart will be reconvening his committee soon to discuss these items and we will continue to update residents.

For more information visit our website town-of-paris.org